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CONSTITUTION

SOUTHEASTERN CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The Chapter is established for education and scientific purposes. It shall be conducted as a non-profit organization to:

- a. promote law librarianship.
- b. develop and increase the usefulness of law libraries, particularly those in the Southeastern area of the United States.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any person or institution residing in the Southeastern region interested in law libraries may become a member of the Chapter by complying with the provisions of the bylaws.

Section 2. Any person, company or institution with an interest in supporting the activities of the Chapter located or residing outside of the Southeastern region may become an associate member by complying with the provisions of the bylaws.

Section 3. The Southeastern region includes Puerto Rico and the following states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia and such other states as may be added.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

Meetings shall be held as provided in the bylaws.

ARTICLE V: OFFICES

Section 1. The officers shall consist of a president, vice-president - president elect, secretary, and treasurer. The vice-president - president elect shall serve as vice-president and shall automatically become the president after one year and shall so serve during the second year following his or her election. The secretary and treasurer shall each serve for two years. The officers shall serve without compensation. The officers shall perform the duties pertaining to their respective offices.

Section 2. In the event that the president resigns prior to the completion of a regular term, or is otherwise unable to perform the duties of the office in the judgment of the Executive Committee, the vice-president - president elect shall automatically assume the presidency and shall serve therein until his original presidential term would have expired, or for no more than two years, whichever is shorter. A special election would be held to fill the office of vice-president - president elect upon the assumption of the office of president by the vice-president - president elect.

Section 3. In the event that the office of vice-president - president elect becomes vacant for any other reason than specified in Section 2 above, a special election will be held to fill that office for the remainder of the unexpired term. If the office of either secretary or treasurer becomes vacant for any reason, a special election will be held to fill that office for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Section 4. These special elections could be held by mail or at the next Chapter meeting, at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Section 5. No officer shall hold more than one office in this Chapter at one time, nor shall the president hold office for more than two consecutive terms.

Section 6. Terms of Office. All officers shall be installed at the conclusion of the chapter meeting following their election or appointment and serve until their successors are elected or appointed, and qualified.

ARTICLE VI: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The officers shall together act as the Executive Committee and as such direct the activities of the Chapter subject to the provisions of this Constitution and the bylaws and in accordance with the policies agreed upon by its members. The immediate past president shall serve on the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES

a. There shall be the following committees:

- (1) Program
- (2) Membership
- (3) Nominating
- (4) Placement
- (5) Scholarship

b. The president shall appoint all members of the standing committees. Special committees may be created as necessary. The president shall appoint all members of the Special Committees.

ARTICLE VIII: ANTI-DISCRIMINATION

Membership in the Chapter or participation in any activity of the Chapter shall not be denied to any individual, or abridged, on account of race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by the Executive Committee or by a petition signed by ten percent of the members. Proposed amendments shall become effective after they have been submitted to all members and when approved by two-thirds of those voting in a ballot conducted by mail in the manner provided in the bylaws or at a meeting of the Chapter by a two-thirds vote of members voting in the ballot.

ARTICLE X: BYLAWS

Any bylaws may be adopted, repealed, amended or suspended by a two-thirds vote of the members voting in a ballot conducted by mail in the manner provided in the bylaws or at a meeting of the Chapter by a two-thirds vote of the members voting in the ballot.

ARTICLE X: EFFECTIVE DATE

This constitution shall become effective after approval by three-fourths of the members voting at a meeting of the Chapter.

BYLAWS

SOUTHEASTERN CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP

Section I.

a. Individual Members

Any person officially connected with a law library, or with a separately maintained law section in any library may become an active individual member upon determination of eligibility by the Membership Committee and payment of annual dues. The Membership Committee's ruling may be appealed to the Executive Committee.

b. Institutional Members

Any law library may become an institutional member upon payment of annual dues. The Executive Committee is empowered to determine whether the institution applying for membership is a law library. Such persons on the staff of an institutional member as are designated by the librarian and for whom the institutional member has paid its annual dues in accordance with bylaws Section 2, b(2) shall be entitled to individual membership in the Chapter without the payment of additional dues.

c. Associate Members

Persons, companies and institutions not connected with law libraries, residing in or outside of the Southeastern region, or connected with law libraries but residing outside of the region may be elected to associate membership by the Executive Committee and shall pay annual dues.

d. Life Members

The Chapter may at any regular meeting by a vote of two-thirds of those present elect to life membership those who have been members of the Chapter for at least 10 years, but who have retired from active fulltime library work, and any life member of A.A.L.L. who resides in the Southeastern Chapter area.

e. Honorary Members

The Chapter may at any regular meeting by a vote of two-thirds of those present elect non-members as honorary members.

Section 2.

a. Rights and Privileges

The right to hold office shall be restricted to active individual and institutionally designated members who are members of the American Association of Law Libraries. Rights of voting shall be restricted to active individuals and institutionally designated members and to life members.

b. Dues

1. The annual dues for individual membership and associate members shall be \$10.00. Life members and honorary members shall not be assessed dues.

2. The institutional membership dues shall be at the rate of \$10.00 per designated member, and no library shall be required to pay annual dues in excess of \$100.00.

3. All dues, individual, associate, and institutional, shall be paid no later than three months after the due date appearing on the dues notice. The treasurer shall suspend the membership of any person who has not paid within the time allotted. A suspended membership shall be restored upon the payment of dues for the current year.

4. The fiscal year shall coincide with that of the American Association of Law Libraries.

ARTICLE II: MEETINGS

Section 1: Annual

An annual meeting of the Chapter shall be held at such time and place as the Executive Committee shall determine. A Chapter meeting shall be held at AALL National Conventions, when the Convention schedule permits, for the purpose of discussing future programs and projects and submitting progress reports on Chapter activities. The Executive Committee shall be charged with the duty of scheduling and making arrangements for such meetings; and attendance at these meetings shall not be confined to the Executive Committee, but extended to the entire membership.

Section 2. Other

The president shall call other meetings of the Chapter as deemed necessary or when requested to do so by the Executive Committee. The president shall provide reasonable notice of such meetings to each member of the Chapter.

Section 3. Presiding Office

In the event of the absence of the president and vice-president - president elect from any Chapter meeting, one of the members shall be elected to preside.

Section 4. Quorum

A majority of members attending a meeting shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE III: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1.

a. Nominating Committee

The president shall appoint a nominating committee who shall submit the names of the candidate or candidates for each of the following offices by March 1 in the year which the officer is elected:

Vice President - President Elect
Secretary
Treasurer

b. Additional Nominations

Additional nominations may be made by any member by communicating in writing such nomination to the president.

Section 2. Method of Election

The vice president - president elect shall be elected by mail ballot in May of each year. The secretary and treasurer shall be elected by mail ballot in May of each even-numbered year. The candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected. The membership is to be notified by the secretary of the outcome of the election by mail or at a meeting of the Chapter.

ARTICLE IV: AMENDMENTS AND BYLAWS

Section 1.

Any proposed amendments to the Constitution or the Bylaws shall be filed with the secretary, and notice shall be sent by the secretary to all members through the mail at least 30 days prior to balloting.

Section 2.

Mail ballots may be conducted for the purpose of changing the Constitution or Bylaws provided that ballots shall be mailed by the secretary to the member-ship immediately following a meeting where the amendments were discussed or 30 days after notice of the proposed amendments have been mailed to the membership. The Executive Board must specify the time for closing the balloting, but in no case shall it be less than 30 days after the mailing of the ballots.

Section 3.

If two-thirds of the members present and voting at a meeting or two-thirds of the members casting valid mail ballots are in favor of such amendment, it shall stand adopted.

Section 4.

Meetings of the Chapter and Executive Committee shall be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order except as otherwise specified by the Chapter Constitution or Bylaws.